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SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE PAPERS OF GENERAL PERSIFOR FRAZER.

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CAMP WHITE PLAINS Sept 2nd, 78

MY DR POLLY

Your letter dated 22nd, Augt came to my hands last Evening It gives me the highest satisfaction to hear of your and the Childrens health. I receiv'd a lettter the other day directed in your hand Writing, inclosing one from Nancy and Joshua of the 1st, Augt but not a line from you only a Postscript mention'd you having seen Mrs Wayne at Dilworths, the letter was tore to pieces, so that I imagin'd what you had wrote was lost and it had past through so many hands I cannot find who brought it to Camp—My last to you was P Mr. North of our Regiment. I directed him to leave it with Colo Archd Thomson or wth Mrs Jenkins —I have been very poorly this 3 weeks past but am now pretty well recovered, though I still Lodge out of Camp—

I mention'd in a former Letter to you that a Mare I had got from the Quarter Master Generals had stray'd from me, and that I had heard by Doctor Jones that she was at his House. I enclos'd a letter to Mrs Jones, desiring she would deliver her to you. As you do not mention any thing of this in your Letter am afraid it has not come to hand—it will be impossible to procure a Horse here for Mr. Johnston. I am Sorry he should suffer by the misfortune but must do the best We can, either in procuring him another Horse or pay him the Value—I hope We shall weather all these misfortunes—I have directed the Bearer who is an officer in our Regiment to Call upon you he can possibly put you in a way to forward some things to me as it is at present very uncertain when I can get home—Please to send me the Blue Cloath for a Coat with the White and Lining and Trimmings—if you could send me 2 yards of white Lining besides for a Light Blue piece of Broad Cloath wch I have procur'd for a Coat it would oblige me, also Mohair and white mettal Buttons and other necessaries for it—There was a pair new Shoes left at Mrs. Jenkins's you may remember I now want them much —I got only a pair Blanketts a Coverlid and set of Camp Stools from Mrs. Rivers's by Colo Johnston so that I have left my mattrass, Pillow, Coat, Jacket a pair new draws pair Boots, 1 pair Shoes, pair Spurs and a Vallice to carry my Bed in, I should be glad to know what became of them—the Vallice Mattrass, spurs, and Shoes were left at Mrs Rivers's by me and Understood the other things were to have been sent there—the Value I do not mind, but they are very necessary and not to be pro-

cured. I had forgot to mention that I have got my Sword and Bayonet. The News we have is that Two of the French Ships suffer'd in a late Storm in consequence of wch the Fleet were obliged to leave Rhode Island to convoy those that were disabled to Boston—in Consequence of this, Genl Sullivan had orders to leave the Island for fear a Reinforcement might arrive with the British fleet and cut off their retreat, Genl Sullivan the 28th, at night, made a disposition for this purpose ordered 2 Regiments to Cover the retreat, the Enemy hearing of this March'd out to attack them early in the morning those Regimts were reinforc'd and so were the Enemy's till at last it brought on a General Engagement wch continued about an Hour Excessive severe. the British were at last oblig'd to retreat in great precipitation and left Us Masters of the Field of Battle, both sides lost a great number, We lost a great many brave Officers. the particulars are not yet arriv'd but expect they will be in to day—The French Fleet it is—believ'd are now return'd to Rhode Island The British have sent a large reinforcement from New York—it is expected Sullivan left the Island he having particular orders for that purpose—something extraordinary is expected to take place very soon. I have not time to write to any acquaintance, you might excuse me to them. Mr. Cheyney can advise you what is best to be done wth Noblit. I think he ought to be committed in consequence of his Judgment as nothing could have been done at that time the Enemy coming into the Country otherwise a New process against him and his Son, Bernard Vanhorn can be had to Witness against them and the affair may be settled in that way. Colonel Hannum can give you his advice as I spoke to him about it at Court before I came away—Excuse me in having given you this unnecessary trouble I could not well avoid it—My best respects to all friends my love to my Dr Children I am my Dr Polly

Ever Yours

PERSR FRAZER.

Sepr 9th 1778

MY DR PERCY

I have this minute received the agreeable account of your being in good helth, by Jemmy Thomson who Saw Major Herbut at the Sine of the Ship yesterDay he Says he Saw you jest before he left Camp this is to go to the Ship to Day the Major is to Call there for it I have Sent your hanger and bagonete three weeks ago I Expect you have got them I have not received any Letter from you Sence that of the 19th of Augt it gave the account of your illness from that till this I think I have been as unhappy as any one Living as the Children Still Continue bad with the Hooping chouf I shall Expect you home in three weeks from this pray write every oppertunity our Relations and friends are in helth Little Sally and Bobby and Polly fallows Sends ther Love to you I am

my Dearest Percy with fervent wishes for your helth prosperity and Saife return to mee and your Deare Little Children your Loving and affectionate wife

MARY WORRALL FRAZER

this is the 5th Letter
I have Sent

Sepr 16th 1778

MY DEAR PERCY

You mention in your Letter p. Lt Forbes of the uncertinty of your coming home it givs me a great Dail of concarn for I quite Expected you the Latter end of this month from what you wrote me in your Second Letter I Spoke to mr Chenney about Noblets afaire he Seems reathir to Let it be till you return I hav not yet Seen Col Hannum but intend to See him as Soon as possable concarning it, your besiness with mr. Brintin is Settled to Satisfaction and he and his Lady is to Dine with me before Long the Children are all getting better of the Chincoff but your little Percy I am in helth thank god and intend go for Philadela to morrow this Day we finnish Sowing wheat I mention in a former Letter Frederick Taylor Son I Suppose you never got the Letter I would be glad you would Lett me know if you have Seen him as his parrants has never heard from him I Have Sent you 4 yards blue and 4 yds white Cloath 17 Canes of thread 1 pair Linning Draws 2 flanning west coats 1 yd of Linning 2 yds of white Linging it is all that I hav Shall endever to get Some in Philada Mamme Peirce continues much as She was when you Left us She Sends her Love to you I would be glad you Let me know what Stocking and other things you will want please to Let me know Soon and Send me Some monney if can get a Safe hand to Send by if you hav it too Speair if not dont put your Self to any trouble your Sisters and brothers and there familys are all well Jemme has not paid of the morgage yet I hav kept the money for him I am afraid he will do nothing in it till you return I would be glad you would write to him concarning it Little Sally and bobby and Polly Fallows and Sally Thomson Send ther Love to you please to give my Love to my acquaintance at Camp I am my Dearest Percy with fervent wishes for your helth and saif return to me and your Dr Little Childrer

your Ever affectionate wife
MARY WORRALL FRAZER

This is the 7th letter
I have sent to you
I have sent ½ yd buckram 4 Scanes of blue Silk Six dozen white medle buttons three Stichs of moheer.

Sepr 28th 1778.

MY DEAREST PERCY

I was in Philadelphia Last Satterday was a week and Left the following artickels in the Care of Capn Peirson who promissed to Send them to you the first opertunity 4 yds Blue and 4 yds white Cloath 2 yds of white Lining 1 yd Linning ½ yd buckeram 4 Scanes Silk and 16 of

thred 2 Sticks white moheire 6 dozens of white mettle and plaitted Buttons 2 flanning Jacketts 1 paire Lining draws your Shouse that was Left at Mrs Jinkinses is not to be found and Mrs Rivers Says the things that you Left theare was Sent to the Swan to the Care of Col. Maybury and ware Sent out by Col: Bedford I Shall send you some more white lining and Some worme Stockings next week and Shouse as soon as I can get them maid, Octr 2d my Dearest Percy this Day Twelve years I little thought that ever Such a Dreadfull Separation would fall to our Lot O this unhappy war that has made Life almost insupportable to me if it was not for the pleaseing thought of Seeing you Some times and in that how am I Disopointed the time is past that you gave me to Expect you home in, in your Second Letter O the Cruel Spiler of our peasable Land that has towrn fathers from their tender Children and Sons from there aged parents may the Just Vengents of god over take them in this world that was the beginers of these troubles this is my Sinceare prayers, for you know my Dear we are Commanded to pray for our Enemy and I am Shure I can not pray for them cincerely in any other way when I think on the many happy Days we have Spent to gather and are now So Cruelly Seperatied this Day has brought to my remembrance all your former fond Endearing beheavour to me and your deare little Children my Dearest Percy it is imposable for me to describe to you how heavy time Drags on

Oct: 4th I have been very ill this weck with a paine in my head and fever am now prity well recovered little Percy Stil Continues ill with whooping Chof the rest of family is well this will go by Mr Blackissten and by him I Shall Send Blue and white Moheire three paires Stockings white and Lite Collered thick for Jackett and Britches with blue thred white Lining, and buttons for the Jackett and Britches S Jemme and Sally Thomson and Jacob Vernon and Sally are well and Send thear Love to you and Nancy and Jesse is going to Delworths Town to Live as there is nothing to be don with Noblit til you Come home mr Cheney thinks a rong Stepe in the matter might Cause you a vast daile more trouble as I can not be So well acquainted with it as you and am Sure Cirlin in will do Every thing he can in Noblit favor I mentioned the matter in a former Letter and concerning the Land at the Ship Jemme has been offered 10 pound an aker for his and think we may get that for ours please give my best Complement to all friends in Camp I am my Dearest Percy wishing you all the Choicest blessings of Heaven

Your ever Loving and affectionate wife

MARY WORRALL FRAZER.

Little Sally and boby
Send there Love to you
I had forgot them till the
Letter was foled and the ware
not pleased.

FREDERICKSBURG Octo. 2nd, 1778.

MY DR POLLY

I would have applied for Liberty to have got home before this, but as I have some accounts to settle wch I have nearly compleated, thought it best to wait a few days longer for that purpose rather than to leave them in confusion as I have not settled since I left Ticonderoga—And as I propose to resign made my tarrying a few days more necessary. I expect in 10 or 12 days to have the pleasure of seeing you—The Enemy have been in the Jerseys for some days past, they surpris'd abt 60 or 70 of our Light Horse there and killd and took the greatest part of them—Major Lee has also the day before yesterdar took 12 and killed 12 of the Enemy's Light Dragoons.

We mov'd from the White plains abt 2 weeks ago to this place wch is about 25 miles to the northward. The reason of our moving was, that Forage got very Scarce and as it was probable the Enemy intended either for Boston or the North River We are now that distance nigher Boston and within abt 20 miles of the North River where our chief Fortifications are near Fish Kill. Our Division was to have march'd to Jersey yesterday but News arriv'd that the Enemy had left it. We are ordered to hold ourselves in readiness to march at a moments warning —I cannot leave the Army whilst there is a probability of Action—but I am of opinion we shall have little or no fighting this Fall—from every thing we can learn they will leave New York before winter—I have seen Major Williams he tells me you have sent me some Cloathing by Capt Lang—he is not yet arriv'd being obliged to retire to Morris Town for fear of the Enemy. My best respects to all friends my love to my Dear Children. I am my Dr polly

Yr affectionate Husband
PERS'R FRAZER

FREDERICKSBURG
Oct. 2. 1778.